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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5 and 12 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended. Claims 6-11 have been allowed. Claims 4 and 6-11 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Claim Rejections- 25 USC § 102

Claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. 3,873,188. Claims 1-3 and 5 have been canceled. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request that this basis for rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Per the Examiner's suggestion, Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form. In presenting amended claim 4, Applicants have modified the language of previous claim 3 to clarify that it is the "at least one deep microscale structure" and the "at least one shallow surface relief" which are aligned relative to each other by the "mating alignment structures". Accordingly, Applicants believe claim 4 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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